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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable James C. Francis United States Magistrate Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: <u>Deangelis v. Corzine et al.</u>, 11 Civ. 7866 (VM) (JCF) (Consolidated)

Dear Judge Francis:

We represent Jon S. Corzine and write on behalf of all parties in the Securities Action, the Commodity Customer Class Action and the *Sapere* Action<sup>1</sup> to advise the Court that they have agreed to attempt to mediate their respective disputes before the Honorable Daniel Weinstein. In addition to the parties to these actions, counsel for Louis Freeh, the Chapter 11 Trustee of MF Global Holdings Ltd, has advised us that the Chapter 11 Trustee, who contends that he has claims against certain of the defendants already named in the above-referenced action, intends to participate in the mediation. Counsel for James Giddens, the SIPA Trustee of MF Global Inc., may also participate.

The parties are working with Judge Weinstein to develop a framework for the mediation, and Judge Weinstein will arrange for dates to meet or speak with the parties (separately or in groups, depending on the framework of the mediation and on the parties' schedules and that of Judge Weinstein) and to receive submissions from them, as appropriate. We understand that Judge Weinstein will be in discussions with the parties about potential dates in March.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter a stay of all proceedings in these actions, including a stay of discovery in the *Sapere* Action and the Commodity Customer Class Action for sixty (60) days,<sup>2</sup> except that the defendants in the Securities Action will be required to file their reply memoranda in connection with their motions to dismiss the complaint on February

A copy of this letter has been sent by email to counsel for all parties in the Securities Action, the Commodity Customer Class Action and the *Sapere* Action.

Discovery is stayed in the Securities Action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(b)(3)(B).



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1, 2013. The parties will advise the Court before the expiration of the stay whether they believe the stay should be continued.

To ensure that no party is prejudiced by a stay should mediation prove unsuccessful, we further request that the following schedule apply to pending matters in the event that the Court enters an order lifting the stay:

- Responses to all outstanding discovery requests in the Commodity Customer (i) Class Action and the initial disclosures in the Sapere Action shall be served 14 days after entry of an order lifting the stay;
- Plaintiffs' responses to defendants' motions to dismiss in the Commodity (ii) Customer Class Action shall be filed 45 days after entry of an order lifting the
- (iii) Defendants' reply in support of their motions to dismiss in the Commodity Customer Class Action shall be filed 30 days after the Plaintiffs' responses are filed:
- (iv) Defendants' motions to dismiss in the Sapere Action shall be filed 45 days after entry of an order lifting the stay;
- (v) Plaintiff's response to defendants' motions to dismiss in the Sapere Action shall be filed 60 days after Defendants' motions are filed; and
- (vi) Defendants' reply in support of their motions to dismiss in the Sapere Action shall be filed 30 days after Plaintiff's response is filed.

We have shared this letter with counsel copied below, and all have agreed to the submission of this letter on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted

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